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To: planninginfo
Subject: DM/26/0131 - Procedural Objection – Inadequate Publicity and Failure to Properly Notify Affected Residents

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Dear Planning Officer,

I wish to formally raise a procedural objection regarding the consultation process for this Reserved Matters application / DM/26/0131

The application was not widely or adequately publicised to residents directly affected by the proposal. Many households within the Imberhorne Estate were unaware of the most recent consultation period, including residents who had previously submitted representations or objections during earlier stages of the planning process. Those individuals were not notified by post or email that a new application stage had been submitted for consultation.

Residents who have already engaged in a planning process for a development of this scale would reasonably expect to be informed when subsequent applications or consultation periods arise. The failure to notify previously engaged parties has prevented meaningful community participation and significantly undermines the transparency and fairness of the consultation process.

Furthermore, the method of site notification was wholly insufficient. Notices were reportedly displayed only on a lamppost located on a back pathway, in a position that is not clearly visible to the majority of affected residents. This cannot reasonably be considered adequate publicity for a major residential development affecting surrounding communities.

Given the scale of the proposal and its significant implications for local infrastructure, traffic, amenity and community character, the limited and inconspicuous nature of the notification has denied many residents a fair and reasonable opportunity to participate in the consultation process.

The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 requires that publicity for planning applications be undertaken in a manner that provides those likely to be affected with a fair opportunity to comment. The approach taken in this case has not achieved that objective.

In the interests of procedural fairness, transparency and public confidence in the planning process, I request that the Council:

- reviews the adequacy of the consultation undertaken;
- reissues appropriate notification to all affected residents, including those who previously submitted representations;
- provides direct notification where contact details are held; and
- opens a new consultation period to ensure that all interested parties are given a fair opportunity to submit representations.

Until proper consultation has taken place, the application should not be determined.

I would be grateful if you could confirm receipt of this email and advise how the Council intends to address the consultation concerns raised.

Kind regards


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